

Mediator Members - FMSB Panels

FMSB Panels play an important role in upholding professional standards. Panels contribute to the work of the Family Mediation Standards Board, by:



- supporting the development of new standards, that the FMSB may recommend to the FMC board for adoption;
- producing resources that help support mediators comply with professional standards; and
- developing processes that help ensure standards are implemented.

Panels are led by a member of the Family Mediation Standards Board and consist of members who are mediators as well as non-mediators who have specialist knowledge of a subject or area of work. Mediator members are appointed on an individual basis rather than to represent an organisation or service. They bring important perspectives to panels, helping the FMSB to understand standards that are needed to protect the public and how standards will be workable for mediators in practice.

Panels look for mediators with different backgrounds and experiences. It is helpful to have a wide variety of perspectives, including from those who are relatively early in their mediation career as well as mediators with significant experience.

FMSB Panels usually meet online, once every two months or once a quarter. Members are expected to make an active contribution to discussions during meetings and to the work of panels outside of meetings, for example working in partnership with another panel member to draft documents or carry out research or attending coffee mornings/online discussions about the work of the panel.

Mediators interested in joining FMSB Panels should send a CV to executive@familymediationcouncil.org.uk with a note indicating the area of the FMSB's work that interests them (Training, Accreditation, PPCs, Domestic & Child Abuse, Registration and Promotion). Mediators invited to join panels will be invited to join two meetings initially, before the appointment is confirmed.